

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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**37 C.F.R. § 1.97 AND 1.98**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

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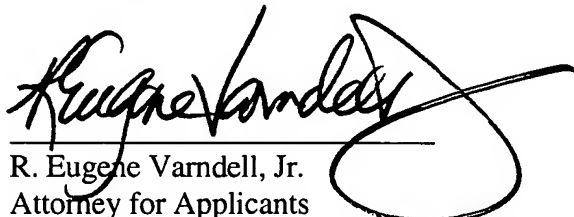
foreign search report citing each of these documents, together with an English-version of that portion of the search report indicating the degree of relevance (if not already included) found by the foreign office. An English abstract is also attached to each foreign language document.

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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

**TRANSLATION**

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	YES	NO	
										Eng. Abstract
		JP-A-2000-103646	4/11/00	JAPAN						X
		JP-A-4-181201	6/29/92	JAPAN						X
		JP-A-61-256946	11/14/86	JAPAN						X
		JP-A-2003-300750	10/21/03	JAPAN						X

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**OTHER REFERENCES (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)**

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